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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

The following are comments on the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed Dec. 3, 2004. The comments are provided with payment of the Issue Fee.

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REMARKS

The Examiner's amendment concludes with the notice: "Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. ... Such statement should be clearly labeled 'Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.'"

The Examiner's amendment added the following "thereby clauses" to claims 1 and 8:

"thereby specializing the general purpose query protocol, which would ordinarily be used in computer to computer communications for making ad hoc queries of an external device, to use by the industrial control system in performing frequent communication of control and monitoring information between the controller and the control element or the monitoring element of the industrial control system."

Applicant hereby makes of record applicant's understanding that the "thereby clauses" added to claims 1 and 8 are clauses intended only for helping explain a use of the invention, and are not further limitations.

Respectfully submitted,



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